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Inventors: Vinegar et al.  
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PROCESSING OF A COAL  
FORMATION TO INCREASE  
PERMEABILITY/POROSITY  
OF THE FORMATION

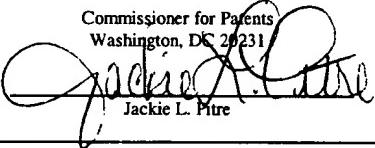
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**Amendment**

**In the Drawings:**

Applicant respectfully requests that the changes shown in red on the attached drawings (FIGS. 23a and 23b) be approved by the Examiner in the above-identified application.

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